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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of Examiner's ongoing rejection of the present application, the claims have been revised to more specifically point out the technical features that distinguish the present invention from the cited art.

All of the comments of Applicant's previous reply apply to the amended claims and Examiner is respectfully requested to review the new claims in view of each of the arguments submitted.

Whilst it is submitted that all the arguments in the previous reply are relevant, Examiner is particularly requested to respond to the arguments made in relation to the connection of the brushes/spring arrangement of Shepherd to a single (logical) supply point, as distinct from the present arrangement in which individual supply points are used.

Also of particular interest in the revised claims is the re-characterisation of the invention as an inkjet printhead assembly, as well as the removal of less definite "for..." and "to..." language from the independent claim.

Whilst most of the claims (other than the independent claim) correspond approximately with the original claims, claim 170 is new and serves to further emphasise the distinction between using a power busbar to distribute power to multiple independent chips, as compared with the busbar arrangement shown in Shepherd which supplies power to a single logical point on a large-scale circuit board for a computer.

The Applicant encloses a new Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application to replace the incorrect Declaration currently on file.

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It is submitted that the amended claims better emphasise the inventive features of the present invention and further distinguish it from the prior art. Favourable reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If Examiner believes that a telephone or e-mail conference would assist in moving the present application towards allowance, Applicant hereby specifically authorises and empowers his employee, Jeff Sweetman, to discuss this matter on his behalf by telephone or e-mail (jeff.sweetman@silverbrookresearch.com.au)

Very respectfully,

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